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Fleet Response Plan (FRP)... Enabling the Maritime Strategy

"FRP maintains a structured, deliberate process which ensures continuous availability of trained, ready Navy forces to support global Combatant Commander requirements."

– Rear Adm. Mark H. Buzby, Deputy Chief of Staff for Global Force Management and Joint Ops, U.S. Fleet Forces Command

Since implementation in 2003, the Fleet Response Plan (FRP) has transformed the Navy's ability to provide flexible, global maritime presence essential to successfully executing the Maritime Strategy. By focusing training milestones on attaining core competencies earlier in training cycles, combined with adjusting manning processes to ensure consistent maintenance manning levels able to support surge operations, the U.S. Navy has consistently provided mission-ready forces to support the key tenets of the Maritime Strategy.

FRP Mission

- Provide ready Navy forces to meet Combatant Commander requests for forces in support of our nation's maritime security.
- Enable a Navy which has the capacity, the capability, and equally important, the balance across a range of mission areas to operate as a global Navy.

Enabling the Maritime Strategy

- **Forward Presence** - postures the Navy, coupled with personnel tempo (PERSTEMPO) management, to meet more complex and increasing demands supporting multiple Carrier Strike Group exercises such as *Valiant Shield* in the Pacific.
- **Deterrence** - maximizes our deployability in the War on Terror using forward based and forward deployed forces.
- **Support Sea Control** - increases our ability to support global maritime campaigns and operations with forces certified for mission needs.
- **Power Projection** - provides ready Navy forces to integrate and operate with joint/combined and special operation forces.
- **Maritime Security** - engages with partner nations across the spectrum of operations such as USS George Washington's (CVN 73) participation in *Partnership of the Americas*.
- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response** - delivers rapid, unparalleled maritime capabilities in time of crises, providing compassionate assistance in efforts such as the non-combatant evacuation for U.S. citizens in Lebanon in 2006 and humanitarian and disaster relief efforts provided by USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) following Tropical Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh in November 2007.

More information on the Fleet Response Plan is available at

<https://www.fleetforces.navy.mil/hq/n3n5a/Shared%20Documents/FRP%20Documents/3000.15.pdf>.

Key Messages

- FRP has successfully transformed the Fleet's readiness levels to sustain a global maritime presence, tailored to specific needs.
- FRP stresses force agility embodied by rapid-deployment capabilities.
- FRP increases operational availability and generates more forward presence and surge capability on short notice.

Facts & Figures

- FRP currently enables six of the Navy's 11 aircraft carriers be available for deployment within 30 days and one more available in 90 days.
- FRP's PERSTEMPO levels are achieved by the CNO balancing Quality of Service for Sailors and meeting Combatant Commanders' operational needs globally.
- FRP construct optimizes Navy ability to provide forces to support the Maritime Strategy by providing full spectrum range of options to national leadership.